

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/015,234

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Mohammad Ali

Art Unit

2167

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to July 20, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 7-12, 14-18 and 20 (Renumbered as 1-17).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 17 December 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 2-15-05.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

  
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This communication is in response to the amendment filed on 07/20/2004.

After a search and a thorough examination of the present application and in light of the prior art made of records, claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-18 and 20 are allowed.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney, Joseph T. Van Leeuwen (Reg. No. 44,383) on February 14, 2005.

Please Amend the claims as follows which was filed on 07/20/2004:

**In the claim 1,**

in line 14, after formatting; please delete "and".

in line 15, after recipient please insert --retrieving a transaction process number and a message process state corresponding to the request;

retrieving a process state corresponding to the transaction process number;

identifying a message type corresponding to the request;

comparing the process state to the message process state; and

validating the message in response to the comparison--.

**Please cancel claim 6.**

**In the claim 8,**

in line 23, after formatting; please delete "and".

in line 25, after recipient please insert --means for retrieving a transaction process number and a message process state corresponding to the request;  
means for retrieving a process state corresponding to the transaction process number;

means for identifying a message type corresponding to the request;

means for comparing the process state to the message process state; and

means for validating the message in response to the comparison--.

**Please cancel claim 13.**

**In the claim 14,**

in line 18, please delete "and".

in line 20, after recipient please insert --means for retrieving a transaction process number and a message process state corresponding to the request;  
means for retrieving a process state corresponding to the transaction process number;

means for identifying a message type corresponding to the request;

means for comparing the process state to the message process state; and

means for validating the message in response to the comparison--.

**Please cancel claim 19.**

***Reason for Allowance***

3. The prior art made of records does not teach or fairly suggest the combination of elements, as recited in independent claims 1, 8 and 14 as amended with the Examiner's amendment and arguments made by Applicant's. More specifically, the prior art of records fails to fairly teach the steps of

wherein retrieving a transaction process number and a message process state corresponding to the request; retrieving a process state corresponding to the transaction process number; identifying a message type corresponding to the request; comparing the process state to the message process state; and validating the message in response to the comparison

The dependent claims, being definite, further limiting, and fully enabled by the specification and are also allowed.

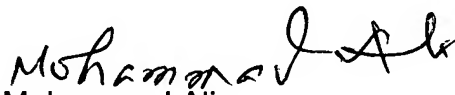
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Contact Information***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohammad Ali whose telephone number is (571) 272-4105. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (7:30 am-6:00 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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